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For : A THERMOREVERSIBLE FOOD PRODUCT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend claims 1, 3-7, 9 and 10 so that they appear as follows:

-1- (Amended)

A food product having a top layer comprising less than 70% (w/w) water and an amount of at least one top thermoreversible setting agent sufficient to maintain the top layer in a gel phase at room temperature, whilst permitting thermoreversion to a liquid phase at a temperature elevated above room temperature, with the proviso that sodium caseinate is substantially absent

-3- (Amended)

A food product according to Claim 2, in which the thermoreversible setting agent is selected from the group consisting of gelatine, agar, gellan gum, methyl celluloses, guar gum, at least one carrageenan, gum arabic, xanthan gum, locust bean gum or mixtures thereof; and the top emulsifier is selected from the group consisting of monoglycerides, di-glycerides, sucrose esters; or mixtures thereof.

-4- (Amended)

A food product according to Claim 3, in which the top layer contains 0.1 to 1.75% (w/w) of the at least one top thermoreversible setting agent, selected from the group consisting of gelatine, carrageenan or mixtures thereof.